jth April, Two PRISONERS' RANSOM

Some time since John Dipford and Walter Horsey, merchants of Exeter, sent then servants John Gupwell and Thomas Dipford to the town of Lanyon in Bntuny with lawful merchandise Not only did the Leaguers take their goods but committed the men to prison to the Castle of Callett near Morlaix, whence Thomas Dipford was released on ransom, but Gupwell is held to ransom by the first of May or else is threatened with execution For the rehef of their losses and the discharge of their servants' ransoms, the Council instruct the customers of Dartmouth and Opsam to pcimit these merchants to transport 20 packs of keiseys, 4 packs of broad cloths, 3 packs of bays, and 3 packs of coaise cloth stockings, after paying the customs due, in a bark of twenty or thirty tons

DISTRESS IN ROUIN

It appearcth that Rouen is in some distress for victual by the disbanding of many soldiers of the garrison who daily leave the town and submit themselves to the King's mercy, whereby the King and his Council have great hope of the timely rendering of the town if it be not relieved by the return of the Duke of Parma

%th April PLAYS OF FHL WriK

The plays at the Rose Theatre this week were *Machiavel, The Jew of Malta^ Harry the Sixth, Brandimer, The Spanish Tragedy, Muly Mulhcco*

I2th April BRFION'S 'THE PILGRIMAGE 10 PARADISE* AND

c THE COUNTESS o* PEMBROKE'S LOVE '

*The Pilgrimage to Paradise^* joined with *The Countess of Pembroke's Love.,* compiled in verse by Nicholas Breton, gentleman, is sent to the press The first telleth of the journeymgs of the Soul, with his five servants the senses, past the

snaring
temptations of the flesh until he reaches an angel by whom he is
forewarned against the beast with seven heads which are
ambition, avarice, gluttony, sloth, lechery, malice, and murder,
and protected with seven books by which, after long debate, the
monster is slam At length the pilgrim comes to a fisherman
with whom he sails and who tells him his story. And con-